

Chinese View of Phrenology.
"Brain bag" is the Chinese name for the skull, and bumps and brains in their notion are intimately allied. The skull is considered to be most perfect when it is round, with a tendency toward a conical rise at the top, the latter feature indicating great intellectual powers. A "hatchet" face, with a broad, flat top to the head, means vacillation and indecision. The most important parts of the skull are the forehead and the occiput, which is called the pillow bone. A high and broad forehead gives good hope of long life. Bumps and depressions on the occiput play an important part. Two connected bumps low down at the back of the head denote a marital temperament. A bump nearer the top, shaped like an egg lying on its side, denotes truthfulness and firmness; two similar egg shaped bumps standing on end, one on each side of the head, denote a fiery temperament and great self confidence; two crescent shaped bumps between these last two denote longevity. A thin, pointed nose is a sign of homicidal tendencies. The Chinese believe the outer conformation of the skull to be dependent upon the shape of the brain within. And they connect certain mental qualifications with certain bumps and depressions found on the skull. In conformity with the Confucian dogma that man was born good and becomes evil only by his environment, so they further believe that bumps and depressions are developed on the surface of the skull by influences within. These influences, in their turn, have been inspired from without.

Navy a Business Proposition.
The navy to-day is strictly a business proposition—in fact, it might be termed scientific, and I venture to say there are more good mathematicians among the men than can be found among any similar lot of men gathered from all sections of the country, as these boys are. A few figures in reference to target practice might be of interest in this connection, says Admiral Robley D. Evans in National Magazine, showing how economical all this perfection is, and how much better it is to maintain this regular practice. As one old tar remarked: "Blowed if a grain of powder in practice does not save a ton in service; for when it comes to straight shooting, the men put every grain where it counts." Thus the ravages and waste of war are lessened in the actual outlay, if target practice is regularly held. The building of the Panama canal means an impetus to the trading interests of this country, and if the people could take the power of the American flag on the high seas, as it floats on the masthead of a modern cruiser or battleship, they would understand that the navy is a business proposition, aside from the spirit of national pride and patriotism and the necessity for "preparedness."

There should be some means whereby our halls of justice should not be turned into show places where the sensation lovers go to gratify their morbid love of crime and its details. To have a court room packed with curiosity-maddened spectators to drink in the tales of sin and misery forced from the lips of unhappy witnesses is certainly not conducive to a high state of public morals. The courts are for a higher and sterner purpose than to serve as places of entertainment for a depraved popular taste. The way in which the court room in New York where the Thaw case is being tried is packed by the morbid, like a crowd of hungry crows after carion, is, declares the Baltimore American, a disgrace to the proper and dignified course of law and justice.

A singular mental disorder is reported of a patient confined at Bicetre. He professes to remember nothing except the month and year in which he was born. Let him should forget the date of each new day, he fills sheet after sheet of paper with memoranda. It is not a case of true amnesia or loss of memory; otherwise he should be unable to speak or write. It is a "fixed idea" of forgetfulness, a delusion, not an incapacity to remember. It has been argued by some that all the delusions of the insane are the result of the imagination filling the gaps which exist in an impaired memory. But this is the first case which has been described of une idee fixe d'oubli.

In former times when anything was desired to be extracted from a witness, the latter was racked or plinched with hot irons, but even the refined cruelty of those dark ages drew the line. Their lawyers never asked hypothetical questions.

President Roosevelt's declaration that men ought to be good fathers and husbands and that women ought to be good wives and mothers is one that even his most ardent political enemies will not venture to contradict.

President Baer of the Reading railroad says it doesn't pay to haul passengers at the present rates. A good many people will insist, on the other hand, that it doesn't pay to travel at the present rates. So we may regard it as a stand-off.

Society women of superfluous wealth are entertaining themselves collecting wild animals, an occupation for which their acquaintance with some of the domesticated creatures in their set gives them the necessary experience.

NO CONCESSIONS

CAN BE MADE TO FRANCE BY THIS GOVERNMENT.

ABANDONS HOPE OF PREVENTING

Maximum Tariff Rates On American Products Not Specifically Exempted Therefrom.

Washington, March 7.—The executive branch of the government has abandoned all hope of finding any concessions which it can offer the French government to prevent the application of the maximum tariff rates on American products not specifically exempted therefrom by existing arrangements. Officially it is stated that the situation as to France is therefore a similar one to that as to Germany; in neither case can this government at present meet the demand for a reciprocity treaty as the price of minimum tariff rates for American goods and products. Through their embassies at Washington the governments of the two countries named have been made aware of this fact, and also that it remains for congress to decide whether it cares to divert these blows at the American export trade by approving reciprocity treaties with France and Germany.

In the case of France the state department is concentrating its efforts upon the subjects of the live cattle and dressed meats trade. The French government has declined to accept as sufficient the rigorous examination and precautions against the shipment of unfit cattle and meats provided for in the pure food act and the regulations of the department of agriculture.

Instead it persists in demanding the certificate of microscopical examination provided for by the old law and regulation, and it is the purpose of the state department to convince the French people that the new plan is very much better and safer.

The Italian government has given notice that it is satisfied with the new inspection system, and that fact is being used as an argument to influence favorably the French government. But as to general exports, there is little to be done by the state department, and it is said there is no ground for protest against the projected increase of the French duties on American products for protective reasons.

BOGUS DRAFTS DESTROYED

When Peoria School Board Vault Was Robbed.

Peoria, Ill., March 7.—The discovery that \$100,000 in bogus drafts alleged to have been executed by N. C. Dougherty and paid through the defunct Peoria National bank by school funds, were destroyed when the school board vault was robbed, has given the officials of the law a new clue toward the motive which lay behind the safe robbery. These drafts constituted a liability against the stockholders of the bank, some of whom are among the most prominent citizens of Peoria.

Dougherty, who is now in Joliet penitentiary, was superintendent of schools here and was one of the leaders of the National Educational association.

Gone By Default.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 7.—Attorney General H. S. Hadley forwarded a motion to the federal supreme court at Washington to dismiss the appeal of Mrs. Aggie Myers, under sentence of death for the murder of her husband. The attorneys for Mrs. Myers have failed to perfect their appeal and the attorney general's motion is a formal one, based upon the simple fact that the appeal has gone by default.

Bomb Hurled at Russian General.

Sebastopol, March 7.—Gen. Nepluch, commandant of the fortress here, who has just been transferred for duty at a less hazardous post, was driving through the city to attend a farewell banquet at the palace, given in his honor by Adm. Skrydloff, a bomb was thrown under his carriage, where it exploded. The carriage was shattered. The general sustained injuries about the feet.

Steamship On Fire.

New York, March 7.—Damage from a fire at sea, amounting to \$250,000, was reported by the German steamer Vandala, which arrived here from China and Japan. The fire started in the Vandala's hold on the afternoon of February 25, and was subdued only after the hold had been completely flooded with water.

Under Hurry Orders.

San Diego, Cal., March 7.—The gunboat Princeton left for San Salvador under hurry orders to join the Chicago in Central American waters.

One For the Fans.

Lincoln, Neb., March 7.—The house defeated the bill prohibiting Sunday baseball games.

Strike at Exposition.

Norfolk, Va., March 7.—Demanding an increase of pay from \$4 to \$4.50 per day all the tinnermen at work on the buildings under construction at the Jamestown exposition grounds were out on a strike. The tinnermen are expected to go to work Thursday.

New Divorce Law.

Pierre, S. D., March 7.—The house passed the senate divorce bill requiring a residence of one year in the state and three months in the county before beginning a divorce suit, with all hearings in open court.

To Prevent Poaching.

St. Petersburg, March 7.—In order to prevent the Japanese from poaching on the sparsely guarded Siberian littoral during the fishing season commencing in April Russia has decided to send to the Pacific two small cruisers.

Seven Persons Injured.

Neoga, Ill., March 7.—Seven persons were injured, four seriously, in a collision on the Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City railroad here when eastbound Passenger Train No. 4 ran into Local Freight No. 29.

THE RULES WERE ALL SUSPENDED

SO THE LEGISLATURE COULD APPROPRIATE FUNDS

To Run To Earth Bold Abductors of a Boy—Dr. Marvin Willing To Give Almost Any Amount.

Dover, Del., March 8.—Appalled by the fact that a three-year-old boy has been kidnapped from his home within eight miles of where they are in session, and with knowledge that a person convicted of abduction in this state can be sentenced to death, the members of the Delaware legislature suspended their rules and appropriated \$2,000 for the immediate use of the governor in running down the perpetrators of the crime.

Dr. Horace N. Marvin, father of the boy, said:

"I would give \$10,000 this minute for my boy, or \$20,000 to any detective who will return the little one to me."

The parent, however, modified this offer, declaring it would be better for him to wait until the efforts of the authorities should be learned.

The family came here a few weeks ago from Sioux City, Ia. Dr. Marvin purchased a farm near this city last fall, paying \$7,000 in cash for it—an almost unprecedented proceeding and one which gave him the reputation of possessing considerable wealth. Before he took possession of the farm his wife died.

Mrs. Horace U. Swift, the abducted boy's grandmother, the day after his disappearance told of a vision she had of a heavy set, evil-looking man, clad in fisherman's garb carrying the boy off. The vision is scoffed at by Dr. Marvin, who says that his mother-in-law has not at all times, since his wife's death, been rational.

On Monday night following the child's disappearance Mrs. Swift says she saw in her sleep the little boy playing beside the haystack near the barn, where his cousin, Rose Standish, had left him. While he was romping there alone, a man, thick-set and roughly dressed, with an oilskin hat, hurried from the barn and grabbed up the child and ran with him through the marsh grass in the direction of the bay.

A report has been abroad that Mrs. Swift is a spiritualistic medium and frequently goes into trances, in which she has prophetic visions. Dr. Marvin denied this.

"I attach no importance whatever to Mrs. Swift's dream," said the physician.

ARCHIE ROOSEVELT, President's Third Son, Had a Turn For the Worse—Condition Serious.

Washington, March 8.—Archie Roosevelt, the president's third son, who has been suffering with diphtheria since last Friday, had a turn for the worse and though he has rallied somewhat his condition is serious. Dr. Alexander Lamber, of New York, in response to a telegram from President Roosevelt, arrived in Washington and has taken charge of the case. Drs. Rixey, Kennedy and Braisted were holding a consultation when Dr. Lambert arrived at the white house. Just previous to his coming further antitoxin was injected into the patient.

FROZEN IN THEIR HOME

Husband Found His Wife and Four Children When He Returned.

Chippewa Falls, Wis., March 8.—According to a letter received here from Ole Overby, a former resident of this county, his wife and four children were frozen to death at their home in Ward county, N. D., during the recent cold spell. Overby writes that he had been away from home for several weeks, and that upon his return he found his entire family dead. Their home was 15 miles from the nearest neighbor. The family ran out of fuel, and the woman had burned all of the furniture and everything else available before finally succumbing.

Thought Rifle Was Empty.

Beaumont, Tex., March 8.—Saying in a joking manner: "I'll throw this cup at you; no, I'll shoot you," Mrs. Gun Gellek raised a rifle and pulled the trigger of the supposed empty weapon, and the leveled gun discharged its contents into the neck and head of her 15-year-old brother, Hoyt Sherman, inflicting wounds from which he died.

Four Men Ground To Pieces.

Ronoke, Va., March 8.—Four Greeks, employed on Tidewater railroad construction work, were struck by a Norfolk & Western freight train, near Ronoke, and killed. The men stepped from one track to another in front of an oncoming train.

Practically Unanimous.

Springfield, Ill., March 8.—The two-cent maximum fare bill passed the house by practically a unanimous vote.

Paid \$3,314 Fine.

Utica, N. Y., March 8.—The Delaware & Hudson Railroad Co. sent a check for \$3,314 to the United States district court in this city in payment for penalties imposed for violation of the federal law that required the use of air brakes on freight trains.

Up Go Coal Rates.

Chicago, March 8.—The coal carrying roads of Illinois have decided to increase the rates 10 cents a ton on all coal mined in this state and in Indiana and brought to Chicago for consumption.

Big Blaze at Helena.

Helena, Ark., March 8.—Fire destroyed the Trumper building and stock of furniture, the Stag hotel and several business houses. The Muller dry goods store was damaged by water. Loss, \$70,000; insurance, \$50,000.

Wrecked On the Ice.

St. John's, N. F., March 8.—The seal fishing steamer Leopard was crushed in the ice floes off Cape Race during a terrific gale and was totally wrecked. Her crew of 103 men reached land safely.

POWERFUL POISON

CAUSES DEATH OF MANAGER OF TIMKEN AXLE COMPANY.

ENOUGH IN STOMACH TO KILL SIX.

Mr. Preston Was Said to Be Sole Heir to a Fortune of \$3,000,000 in New Orleans.

New York, March 9.—An autopsy held by Coroner's Physician O'Hanlon disclosed, it was subsequently stated, that Leonidas Preston, a millionaire, who died suddenly at the Hotel Cumberland, had enough poison in his stomach to kill six men.

Coroner Harburger immediately reported the case to the police and detectives were set to work upon several mysterious circumstances connected with the case.

Mr. Preston was New York manager for the Timken Railroad Bearing Axle Co. and had an office in West Forty-sixth street.

Mr. Preston died while telephoning to some business acquaintances. It appears that when Mr. Preston died William R. Timken, the head of the concern of which Preston was New York manager; Leonard Gray and Edward R. Hewitt were in the hotel office. They had sent up word that they wished to see him.

Preston answered in person over the telephone, telling them to "come right up."

When, two minutes later, they reached his suite, Preston was dead.

Mr. Preston came to New York from Dallas, Tex., some years ago.

He was said to be the sole heir to a fortune of \$3,000,000 in New Orleans and to have amassed another fortune of \$1,000,000 in business.

He was 46 years old, tall muscular and very strong.

Mr. Preston's friends have assured the coroner that his business affairs were in good shape and no possible motive for suicide other than possibly temporary insanity brought on by illness. J. B. Cook one of Preston's intimate friends, received a telegram from Mr. Preston's brother in Dallas, asking that the body be sent there for burial.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston took quarters at the Cumberland last September. They had no children but had adopted a little boy.

Dr. English, house physician of the Cumberland, said that the millionaire died in terrible convulsions.

"When I reached the room," said the doctor, "Mr. Preston was lying across the bed, fully dressed as though he had thrown himself there. The convulsions gave me the idea that he had suffered a cerebral hemorrhage. It was too late for me to do anything. His wife was hysterical for a time. When she was able to speak she said that the only medicine he had taken was a cough mixture."

BLOOD PRINTS OF FINGER

Give the Police One of Two Clues To Mysterious Murder.

St. Louis, Mo., March 9.—Fully as interesting as Mark Twain's story of Puddin' Head Wilson, with his thumb print tragedy, is the murder in the author's native state of Mrs. Kate Quernhelm, owner of many diamonds, wife of a downtown hardware merchant, who was murdered by kicks, stamps and blows, and whose body was mutilated in daylight, after the slayer had locked every window and door of her home, 3720 Vest avenue.

But he left two clues behind, although all others were washed away, one a mark of his clutch on her breast, the other finger prints in blood on a piece of her clothing near by.

Edwin Berkman, aged 29, alias Meyer, alias McGuire, has been charged with the murder of Mrs. Quernhelm, his aunt by marriage.

The description of Berkman given the police, it is alleged, tallied with that of the man who disposed of the stolen goods.

Shooting Done By One Man.

Hazleton, Pa., March 9.—Addison B. Romani, aged 56 years, employed by a local merchant, was shot on a lonely road here and died several hours later. In an ante-mortem statement he says the shooting was done by one of the men after he had refused to obey their commands to halt. They fled when he fell.

Thirty-Five Killed by Explosion.

El Paso, Tex., March 9.—Advices received from Chihuahua state that thirty-five persons—men, women and children—were killed at San Andres by the explosion of a large quantity of dynamite. San Andres is 29 leagues from Chihuahua. The explosion was accidental.

Honduras Victories.

Puerto Cortez, Honduras, March 9.—Advices received confirm the reports that President Bonilla, of Honduras, defeated the Nicaraguans at Namassique, Honduras March 6, and again March 7 at Yaguar.

Six Men Buried Alive.

Charlotte, N. C., March 9.—By the caving in of a sewer ditch at Statesville, N. C., six colored men were buried alive under tons of dirt. The rescue party found the six standing bolt upright when the earth was removed, but life was extinct.

Electricians Strike.

Paris, March 9.—A sudden, virtually unanimous and unexpected strike on the part of practically all the electricians of Paris, resulted in the almost complete paralysis of the business of the city by the time night had fallen.

Looted, Then Fired.

St. Joseph, Mich., March 9.—After robbing the fine summer homes of John Cowles, of Chicago, and W. B. Pratt, of Elkhart, Ind., located on the Lake Shore drive, south of the city, burglars set them afire and both were destroyed. The loss is about \$20,000.

Not So Plucky.

Moscow, March 9.—The cashier of the Bromley Manufacturing Co., an English concern, was held up at the city gates by a band of robbers and relieved of a wallet containing \$6,500 in cash.

JEROME PUTS IN BUSY SUNDAY.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HAS A CONFERENCE WITH ALIENISTS.

Delmas' Stenographer Calls on Prisoner, and Consults With Him—Thaw Attends Services.

New York, March 11.—Delphin M. Delmas, senior counsel for Harry K. Thaw, communicated with his client, through his confidential stenographer, who was admitted to the Tombs early in the day.

The young woman said that she had come from Mr. Delmas, who was spending the day at Atlantic City, and, after being identified by Warden Flynn, was escorted to the second tier, where she talked for some time with Thaw outside the gate.

Upon receiving the girl the prisoner spent some time in writing, after which he summoned a clerk, to whom he gave \$5 to defray the expense of some long-distance telephoning.

This disposed of Thaw turned his attention to a letter from his mother which had been brought to the Tombs by Josiah Thaw's chauffeur.

For 45 minutes Thaw was engaged in answering his mother's letter, and some time later devoted nearly an hour in replying to a letter which, in the meantime, had arrived from his wife.

In the afternoon Mr. O'Reilly, of Thaw's counsel, called. Upon leaving the attorney said that he had found the prisoner in "pretty good spirits."

Thaw attended the chapel service. He had nothing to say to newspaper men beyond the message that he had been warned by counsel that he should have nothing further to say and that his attorneys would have to do the talking.

District Attorney Jerome remained at his home and was again in conference with the alienists for the state.

It is understood that a hypothetical question was formed. Assistant Attorney Garvin was at the criminal courts building during the afternoon and assisted in the work of the stenographers, who made copies of questions which later were submitted to Mr. Jerome.

Subpoena servers were kept busy throughout the day and made frequent trips to the criminal courts building and to Mr. Jerome's home.

When asked as to the preparation being made for the rebuttal, which will open Monday, Mr. Garvin said that nothing could be made public.

STRIKE IS ON.

Street Car Employees Quit Work—Electricians May Join.

Louisville, March 11.—Street car passenger traffic was suspended here. The employees of the Louisville Railway Co. walked out at 5 o'clock Sunday morning and the strike is on.

A mass meeting of the Federation of Labor was held Sunday at Germania hall. Ben Commons, sixth vice president of the International Association of Street Railway Employees, and Henry Ott, of Cincinnati, president of the Ohio State Federation of Labor, spoke. John Young, president of the Louisville Federation, issued the call and presided at the meeting.

The federation voted moral and financial support to the strikers, and advised them to "stand pat," but attempt no violence. One big department store will advertise the establishment by it of a private auto line to bring customers to its store.

TWO VESSELS GO DOWN.

German Cargo Steamer and Trawler Founder in North Sea.

Berlin, March 11.—A dispatch from Cuxhaven reports the loss of 34 lives by the foundering of two vessels—a German cargo steamer, the George Wottern, and a trawler—during a heavy gale in the North sea. The dispatch says no further details have been received, but that it is believed those drowned comprised all aboard both vessels.

Hugh Wave Hits Steamer.

New York, March 11.—The French line steamer La Savole, from Havre, March 2, carrying more than 1,000 passengers, arrived here after perhaps the most severe experience of the trans-Atlantic lines that have recently reported rough weather. The steamer ran into a series of gales, which increased in violence until Thursday, when a monster wave swept the main deck and forced Capt. Tournier to bring his trembling craft to rest. She drifted eight hours before the voyage could be safely resumed.

Theater In Ruins.

Knoxville, Tenn., March 11.—The Lafayette theater and several adjoining buildings were destroyed by a fire believed to be of incendiary origin.

Father and Children Dead.

Buffalo, March 11.—Michael Bower, a well-to-do farmer, and his ten-year-old daughter Isabel were instantly killed on a crossing of the Erie railroad at Lancaster. Bowers' 16-year-old daughter Rosa is dying from her injuries.

Woman Bullfighters Injured.

El Paso, Tex., March 11.—All five of the woman bullfighters whose farewell appearance in the ring was the attraction at the Jueces Plaza del Toros were injured by being gored or tossed by the bulls.

Will Command Formidable Fleet.

Washington, March 11.—When Rear Adm. Willard H. Brownson, United States navy, formally assumes command of the newly created United States Pacific fleet he will have under his control a force of 33 ships of all rates, carrying 400 officers and about 9,000 men.

Negro Desperado Shot.

Americus, Ga., March 11.—Surrounded in a house and fighting like a demon Bill Reese, a negro desperado, who mortally wounded Police Officer William Morris, was shot and killed.



BECAME A TOTAL ABSTAINER.

How It Was That Edward Bok Took His Stand Against Drink.

Edward Bok, editor of the Ladies' Home Journal, took a characteristic way of arguing himself into total abstinence. He says:

"As I looked around and came to know more of people and things, I found the always unanswerable argument in favor of a young man's abstinence; that is, that the most successful men in America to-day are those who never lift a wine-glass to their lips. Becoming interested in this fact I had the curiosity to inquire personally into it; I found that of 28 of the leading business men in the country, whose names I selected at random, 22 never touched a drop of wine. I made up my mind that there was some reason for this. If liquor brought safe pleasures, why did these men abstain from it? If, as some say, it is a stimulant to the busy man, why do not these men, by securing the largest business interests in this country, resort to it? And when I saw that these were men whose opinions in great business matters were accepted by the leading concerns of the world, I concluded that their judgment in the use of liquor would satisfy me. If their judgment in business matters could command the respect and attention of the leaders of trade on both sides of the sea, their decision as to the use of liquor was not apt to be wrong."

A CHRISTIAN CANTINE.

Officers and Soldiers in Philippine Islands Organize Model Club.

The officers and soldiers at Fort McKinley, in the Philippine Islands, have built a "cantine" of their own devising from which the "tan" is barred. This camp contains 5,000 soldiers, and the fort is situated in the midst of an 1,800-acre reservation which is one of the garden spots of the islands. The conduct of this recreation hall has been put in the hands of the Young Men's Christian association and \$5,000 will be spent upon the rooms and grounds. Games for the lawn and the hall will be provided, and the whole enterprise enters into active competition with the drinking resorts of Manila for the patronage of the men. The rooms are brilliantly lighted every night, and the visitors engage in bowling or are entertained by lecturers or musicians. As many as 400 men may be found some evenings enjoying the amusements provided for them. Many of the meetings are distinctively religious, but most of them are secular, though thoroughly clean and helpful. Many of the enlisted men are paying members of the association, and the work is considered one of the most successful undertaken to break the tedium of camp life without dissipation.

THE SINS OF THE FATHER.

Awful Consequences of Drink Visited Upon the Children.

Henry W. Thurston, chief probation officer of Chicago, recently stated: "In the study of the causes for the dependency of girls, drunkenness looms up as foremost in the records. Of the 829 in court for the first time, because no one would care for them, the drunkenness of fathers was given as the cause of 53 cases. Drunkenness of mother was given in 64 cases, and drunkenness of both fathers and mothers in 70 cases. Desertion by the father was the cause in 90 cases and desertion by mothers in only 18. Desertion of both parents was the cause of seven cases.

"Lack of proper care was responsible for the plight of 387 of the girls, but in many of the cases drunkenness was back of the inability of the parents to provide for their offspring. Children ranging in age from two weeks to 17 years are included in this class."

Liquor Men Organized.

There are five great liquor organizations in the United States. These five organizations are, of course, in league, and usually supply men, money and literature in every local context where there is a possibility of the saloon being defeated. One organization, the Protective Bureau, so-called, is chiefly a distributing agency for saloon literature, edited by Cyrus C. Turner, with headquarters in New York. According to the American Brewers' Journal, during 1902-1905 this